

TIPS: Suggestions for Behavioral Health Medical Professionals when Prescribing Medications to Non-Title XIX SMI Members



The Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) established a generic medication formulary (**Attachment A¹**) for Non-TXIX members with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). Medications on this formulary are included in the covered benefit package for Non-TXIX SMI members.

The following suggestions can be a resource when treating Non-TXIX SMI members (e.g. crisis services, sliding fee clinics, etc.) in an attempt to minimize out-of-pocket costs for the patient. Behavioral Health Medical Professionals (BHMPs) may consider the following options for medication assistance for prescribing medications not available on the generic Non-Title XIX Medication Formulary:

1. Does the member have any other medication benefits that would potentially cover brand name medications? (Medicare Part D, VA benefits, private insurance [Cigna, BCBS, etc.], other?)

If yes, brand name medications can be prescribed, but co-pays/deductibles are the responsibility of the member.

2. Does the member qualify for the Patient Assistance Program (PAP) offered by Pfizer or Astra Zeneca?

If yes, the member may qualify to receive certain brand name medications at no cost.

- Pfizer: <http://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/Programs/programdetails.aspx?p=2>
Chantix, Geodon, Nardil, Navane, Neurontin, Vistaril, Zoloft
- Astra Zeneca: <http://www.astrazeneca-us.com/help-affording-your-medicines/>
Seroquel, Seroquel XR

3. Does the member qualify for a Patient Assistance Program (PAP) offered by another manufacturer?²

If yes, the member may qualify to receive certain brand name medications at no cost. Find a Patient Assistance Program (PAP) resource that you find user-friendly:

- Needy Meds - <http://www.needy meds.org/indices/newuser.shtml>
- RxAssist - <http://www.rxassist.org/providers/default.cfm>
- PPA - http://www.pparx.org/en/prescription_assistance_programs
- Access2Wellness - <http://www.access2wellness.com/a2w/hcp-welcome.html>

Additional ideas include:

- Consider software to increase PAP application and tracking efficiency - Patient Assistance Programs Rx is software that allows medical office staff to create and track the forms required by pharmaceutical companies when using their patient assistance programs: <http://www.paprx.com/features.html>
- Review **FAQs**: <http://www.rxassist.org/faqs/default.cfm>
- Consider how **Medicare** will impact your patient: <http://www.rxassist.org/docs/medicare-and-paps.cfm>
- Consider a **Personal Care Advocate** to help: <http://www.myrxadvocate.com/>

If no, does the member prefer a brand name medication and wish to pay out-of-pocket for the medication?

If yes, brand name medications can be prescribed, but out-of-pocket costs are the responsibility of the member. BHMPs are encouraged to seek drug discount cards.

- PPA - http://www.pparx.org/en/prescription_assistance_programs/discount_cards
- Caremark - <http://www2.caremark.com/naco/index.htm>
- Az CopperRx_Card® http://www.rxamerica.com/az_discount_home.html
- FAQs - Drug Discount Cards – <http://www.rxassist.org/faqs/drug-discount-cards.cfm>

¹ A revised [generic formulary](#) is posted on the ADHS/DBHS website.

² Some Patient Assistance Programs exclude individuals who have pharmacy benefits, even if the desired medication is not covered.